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1. The GUGK (Glavno Upravlenie po Geodeziya i Kartografiya; Supreme Administration for Geodesy and Topography) is responsible to the Council of Ministers. GUGK itself has direct control over the Geografski Institut and Geoplan Proekt.
2. The Geografski Institut is a purely military organization which publishes only military maps (1:25,000; 1:50,000; and 1:100,000) and prepares aerial photographs in addition to and as an aid to publication of military maps. It is reported that this institution is to be moved to Troyan.
3. Geoplan Proekt is the civilian organization whose name was Geokart Proekt up to the end of 1952. Although its name was changed, its duties have remained the same: publication of maps for civilian purposes. These include large-scale maps and city plans of scales not smaller than 1:10,000, used principally for development purposes, and small-scale school maps.
4. The Ministry of National Defense does not have a survey branch, but it was reported in late 1953 that GUGK and its subordinate organizations were to be responsible to the Ministry of Defense.
5. As far as is known, no new standard basic data for the unification of the Soviet bloc map production were introduced in 1952, and it is strongly believed that no attempt at such was made. The basic sea level data used by Bulgaria are those recorded at the hydrographic station at Varna (now Stalin), which is called "Pegal."
6. The Gauss-Krueger coordinate system is used for all Bulgarian maps.

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